

WELCOME TO THE TOWN OF VERNON

"THE CROSSROADS FOR OPPORTUNITY"

The Vernon <u>Economic Development Commission</u> is comprised of ten members appointed by the Mayor and Town Council. The Commissioners are Town residents and business owners who posses a wide range of experience and expertise about Vernon and its economy. The Commission operates in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 7-136 Municipal Economic Development Commissions. Its work focuses on conducting research on economic conditions and trends in Vernon, promoting economic development, and supporting existing and prospective businesses. An annual report is transmitted to the Mayor and Town Council regarding the Commission's activities and its recommendations for improving economic conditions and development.

Our economic development priorities include the creation and retention of jobs, a healthy tax base, and economic growth that is of high quality and compatible with the character of the Town of Vernon. The Town has a cooperative relationship with the business community that is conducive to investment in Vernon.

VERNON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Jeffrey Cohen, Chairman
Alan Eisenberg
Daniel Kennedy
Solomon Kerensky
Robert Kleinhans
William McGurk
Peter Olson
Vincent Sheehan

The <u>Community & Economic Development (CED) Coordinator</u> provides economic development information, assistance and support in regards to site selection, expansions, and pre-development consultation. The Coordinator assists developers, businesses and property owners to comply with all applicable codes, standards and laws concerning development, and works closely with other Town officials to facilitate the review and permitting process. The Coordinator maintains information on available commercial and industrial sites and engages in marketing efforts on behalf of the Town to attract prospective businesses. The Coordinator also provides professional staff support to the Economic Development Commission.

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